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*Breakfast with the President*

# President Gee: keynote speaker at February Wake Rattle and Roll



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Ohio State President, E. Gordon Gee will be in Lima, Friday, February 23rd to address the monthly Chamber breakfast, WAKE RATTLE & ROLL in the Veterans Memorial Civic Center in downtown Lima. He will talk about Higher Education in the 21st Century. The breakfast is from 7:30 a.m to 8:30 a.m. and will be attended by 200-300 business and civic leaders and middle managers in the community.

Ohio State Lima is a corporate sponsor for the event in conjunction with Kewpee. Faculty and staff are all welcome and encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$2 per person and include a continental breakfast. If you would like to have breakfast with the President and meet the business community of West Central Ohio, please call Dawn Goldsmith at ext. 332.

Later that morning Dr. Gee will meet with our trustees and business leaders and is planning to make it to campus for a short stop. Details for the remainder of the morning are still being worked out. We'll keep you posted.

See page 3 for the premiere computer information column "Bits and Bites" And watch for a computer survey in the mail

*Construction on campus*

## Buildings Aplenty

The campus is growing... Two new buildings are slated to go up in the next couple of years on the Lima campus.

First up will be a Lima Tech building dedicated to Engineering Technology. In the planning stages, the Engineering and Industrial Technologies Lab will be a 26,000 square ft. steel and brick structure to be located south of Cook and Reed Hall close to parking and the playing fields. Construction will begin shortly and it will be completed by fall at a cost of \$2.6 million.

The seventh building on campus will be a new Life Sciences building which is a joint project between The Ohio State University at Lima and Lima Technical College. Both schools are currently working on plans for this building funded by a grant from the Ohio Board of Regents. The 86,000 square ft. building will cost approximately \$14.5 million and will be built in 1977. Harry McSwiney, associate professor of chemistry and Howard Reed, associate director of business are the point people for Ohio State working on this project. The architects for the building are Champlin/Haupt.

Both buildings are in the 97/98 State of Ohio capital bill to be voted on this year. For the first time, according to the new state rules, debt service on these buildings will be provided by the schools.

### Valentine gifts:

Student Senate Balloon Sale,  
Feb. 14: 10 to 2  
Galvin Hall basement  
Individual or bouquets  
priced from  
\$.75 to \$5

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*February is Black History Month...*

# Woodson created first Black History Month

by John Reid,  
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**M**any believe Black History Month is a recent development. Not true.

It actually has its roots in Negro History Week which began 70 years ago.

In 1926, prominent African American Historian Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950) inaugurated the first Negro History week to popularize and document African American History. At that time neither the history professors nor the public considered the African American past worthy of study, and Woodson almost single-handedly established African American history as a specialty.

Woodson wanted to both preserve and publicize the historical record of African Americans so African Americans "May not become a negligible factor on the thought of the world,"

To this end, Woodson created the still-functioning Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASAALH) and the Journal of Negro History, authored several books, provided funds to enable others to complete pioneering research, and

mentored an entire generation of scholars in the field. His most well known accomplishment is annual Negro History week.

Today nearly every public education institution in the nation includes some discussion of African American history during the month of February. The focus on "heroes" such as Martin Luther King, Harriet Tubman and George Washington Carver, lends itself to public schools. This type of history doesn't generally include a critical scholarly evaluation of the past and can perpetuate generalizations and stereotypes.

Yet, with the creation of the Martin Luther King holiday, Black History Month shows signs of expanding to a six week period. With this widespread and increasing popularity, Woodson has accomplished his goal.

## Campus activities for Black History Month include:

February Essay Contest on Black History Month theme. Contact the Student Activity Office, Galvin Hall, room 066, for rules/information.

## Study Circles in First Lady's book

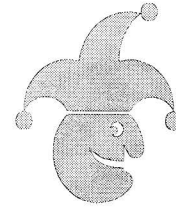
Lima's Study Circles have been topic of interest from Los Angeles, Calif. to Washington, D.C. First L.A. used the program to ease racial tensions following the O.J. Simpson trial verdict.

Now, the unique program is featured in two paragraphs of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's book on raising children "It Takes A Village."

Mrs. Clinton refers to the program in a discussion of ways various communities are dealing with racial tensions.

Lima mayor, David Berger, provided information to the First Lady and received an autographed copy of the book and note of thanks.

## NY comedian on Lima campus



Straight from the Letterman Show to Galvin Hall Student Lounge comes an outstanding comedian, Greg Fitzsimmons.

On February 22 at 1 p.m., Fitzsimmons will entertain in the Lima Campus Student Lounge in Galvin Hall where admission is free.

This 34-year-old, New York native has an impressive list of television performances beginning with America's Funniest People in 1992 and including Donahue, Standup Spotlight, A & E Comedy on the Road, Talk Soup and most recently an appearance on the David Letterman Show on Jan. 4, 1995.

Mark your calendar.

## New faces on campus

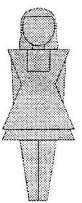
Have you met the two new employees on campus? Debra Vobbe of Lima is the new Account Clerk 2 in the Business Office, room 222, Administration building. She filled the part-time position previously held by Linda Taber.

Noelle Cook also of Lima has joined the library staff in Cook Hall as Librarian 3.

## LTC Dental Lab coloring contest for employees' kids

Join the faculty and students from the LTC Dental Hygiene Program in celebrating Children's Dental Health Month. All OSU-Lima employees are invited to have their little family members or friends (grades K-6) participate in our coloring contest "Keep Your Smile Healthy." Deadline for the contest is Feb. 29; prizes will be awarded in two categories: grades K-3 and 4-6.

Employees may pick up a coloring sheet for the younger children. The older group is to submit a poster





# Anniversary Update



The 35/25 celebration continues on the Lima Campus with a second presentation in the Academic Showcase series. Dr. Ron Glaser, Professor of Internal Medicine, Micro & Immunization in the department of Health Sciences Research, Medicine Administration on the Columbus campus of The Ohio State University will speak at 1 p.m. March 28 in Reed Hall Auditorium.

Glaser and his wife Molly Kiecolt-Glaser, are involved in exciting research concerning stress and he will be presenting their unique findings when he visits the Lima campus.

In addition, two OSU Lima and two LTC students will be honored during the months of February, March, April and May. The outstanding students of the month will receive a plaque and a \$50 savings bond from Commercial Bank. Nominations were recently submitted and committees are evaluating the nominations.

Also honored during the next few months will be faculty and staff members of the two institutions. OSU Lima honorees are Dr. William Sullivan, professor of English, Betty Milum, Reference Librarian/Assistant Professor; Judy Von Blon, Administrative Assistant 2, John Schilffler, Instructional Aide Associate and Coordinator of Television Learning Services, and Barbara Williams, bookstore manager.

A Sports Festival is being planned for March 9 involving several area schools. And the music, theatre and arts departments are planning several events.

## Uncle Vanya

### Chekhov's Russia comes to Lima

Russian author and playwright, Anton Chekhov and his lovely wife Olga Knipper will host several performances of his play *Uncle Vanya* at the Ohio State White House, Lima. Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. March 1, 2, 8 and 9 and at 1:30 p.m. March 3 and 10.

George Dunster is Chekhov while Dean Violet Meek opens her house and takes on the character of Olga Knipper Chekhova.

Many familiar characters from the community and campus will perform. Joe Brandesky dons the role of Uncle Vanya with Martha Farmer as Uncle Vanya's mother, Voinitskaya. Completing the cast are Rick Workman, Cindy Lincoln, Heather Odenweller, Tim Degan, and Brian Keegan. Masha Gnatieva, Russian theatre expert, will direct the production.

Tickets are \$10 per seat and patron levels are \$25, \$50 and \$100 with proceeds supporting the arts at Ohio State Lima.

### Innovations in Student Activities office

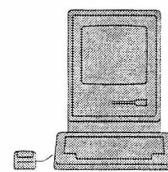
Dermot Forde, Coordinator-Student Programs for OSU/LTC, is a one of the newer faces on campus, having joined the staff October 16, 1995. He has brought several new ideas with him.

One of his innovations is the extension of Student Activities Office hours until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the Winter Quarter. Coffee is available to evening students during their class breaks.

Dermot has also turned the bulletin board in the front stairwell of Galvin first floor into the Question of the Week. The response to the current events questions from students has been overwhelming.

His first question "Should US troops be in Bosnia?" garnered responses such as: "Once again, poor men fight a rich man's war," "We've got homeless problems, drug problems, gang, racial and violence problems. We need to take care of home, feed our people, and educate the ones at home before we should be thinking of trying to be the good Samaritan in their country," and a suggestion, "Let's send in troops to pacify congress."

## Bits and Bites



By Mike O'Connor  
OSU Lima Computer Coordinator

With the ever increasing popularity of the Internet and specifically the World Wide Web, the Ohio State University at Lima has it's own "Home Page."

The term Home Page is a descriptive term used for the initial screen that is displayed on a Web site on the Internet. Jim Kerr has designed an impressive Home Page for the Lima campus. In addition to finding information about class schedules, faculty and staff, two additions have recently been made by Dr. Michael Cunningham and Dr. James Werchan.

Dr. Cunningham has designed web pages for the Honors program. Within these pages, you will find information that answers many of the commonly asked questions about the Honors program here on the Lima campus.

Dr. Werchan's virtual writing web page provides writing assistance to students for class assignments and college writing.

Fire up your browser and take a look: <http://www.lima.ohio-state.edu>

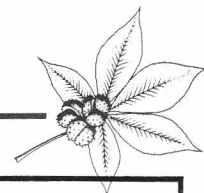
### Computer Survey

Watch your mail in the coming days for a computer survey designed to determine current computer usage and need for hardware, software and ongoing computer support.

Dermot con't.

Dermot will share a complete list of answers to the questions, just call him at ext. 414.

If you haven't met Dermot, stop by the Student Activities Office, Galvin 066.



## Campus Calendar

### February

- 11 Noon RH 160 "Scenes from the New Continent"  
an exhibition of computer graphics
- 14 Ga 66 Valentine's Day Balloon Sales
- 20 Noon RH 160 Richard Tillinghast, American  
Poet will read.
- 22 Noon RH 160 Gallery Talk/video
- 29 Noon RH 160 The Perotti-Dutt Duo, Four  
hand piano. Christina Perotti,  
and Laurence Lynn Dutt.

### March

- 5 Noon RH Aud. "The Debate" an historical play  
concerning women's right to  
vote.



## Around Town



### February:

- 10-29 Kewpee High School Invitational  
ArtSpace/Lima
- 11 *Annie*  
Veterans Memorial Civic Center
- 12-13 Project Wild Workshop  
McElroy Environ Ed. Center
- 17 Symphony Performance  
Veterans Memorial Civic Center  
A Bluebird Celebration  
McElroy Environ. Ed. Center
- 23 Wake, Rattle & Roll  
Veterans Memorial Civic Center
- 23-25 *Carousel*  
Veterans Memorial Civic Center
- 24-25 Westside Lions Antique & Flea Market  
Allen County Fairgrounds
- 29 League of Women Voters Wine/Cheese  
Old Barn Out Back

## Greater Limaland Blues Festival with Lonnie Brooks

Tickets for the fifth annual Greater Limaland Blues Festival to be held at Memorial Hall in downtown Lima are now available for purchase at the campus Bookstore. Balcony seating is \$7. This event has grown in popularity each year and this year will feature The Prime Time Blues Band and Lonnie Brooks.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., showtime, 7:30. Barbecue meals by Lock 16 will be available as well as beer, wine and soft drinks.

Contact ArtSpace/Lima at 222-1721.

### The ArtSpace Brown Bag Lunch

Free Jazz Concert at noon, Thursday, March 7 featuring Biersdorf & Kolbe. Bring your lunch or buy it at ArtSpace. Everyone welcome.



## Apple meets school administrators

A Mac seminar for local school administrators will be held on campus, Feb. 20. The presentation by Apple Computers will explain what Apple computers can do for schools and is related to state initiatives to place five computers in every elementary classroom. For more information call Phil Heath at ext. 215.

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